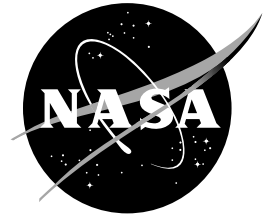


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First Native American to Walk in Space

U.S. Navy Commander John Bennett Herrington made history as the first Native American to walk in space when the Space Shuttle Endeavour launched Nov. 23, 2002, on flight STS-113. Herrington holds a tribal membership with the Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma. To honor his Native American heritage, Herrington carried a Chickasaw Nation flag on the 14-day trip.

John Bennett Herrington (Commander, USN)

Selected by NASA in April 1996, Herrington has logged nearly 3,800 flight hours in more than 30 different types of aircraft. He is an experienced Naval Aviator and Naval Test Pilot. Following his tour as a test pilot, Herrington attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School where he earned a Master of Science degree in aeronautical engineering. He is also a Sequoyah Fellow with the American Indian Science and Engineering Society.

During the STS-113 mission to the International Space Station, Herrington logged over 330 hours in space, including three EVAs (Extra Vehicular Activities -- spacewalks) totaling 19 hours and 55 minutes.

Herrington, along with crewmembers Commander Jim Wetherbee, Pilot Paul Lockhart, and Mission Specialist Michael Lopez-Alegria, delivered the Expedition Six crew to the Station and returned the Expedition Five crew to Earth.

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The astronaut's official biography is available
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